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Public meeting on replacement of Quincy Memorial Bridge set for Dec. 7

Rebuild Illinois moves project forward

QUINCY – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a public meeting will be held Dec. 7 at The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center about the proposed replacement of the Quincy Memorial Bridge, a project made possible by the Rebuild Illinois capital program.

"We are pleased that we will have the opportunity to work with the state of Missouri and the city of Quincy to replace the bridge and enhance the transportation system within the region," said Jeff Myers, IDOT Regional Engineer for Region 4. "This public meeting is a major step in the process. I encourage anyone interested to attend, ask questions and offer feedback."

The meeting will be held at the following date and location:

Thursday, Dec. 7
4-6 p.m.
The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc
Corps Community Center
405 Vermont St., Quincy

The purpose of the meeting is to present the preferred design for the improvement and to seek comments from the public. Exhibits, maps and aerial photography of the study area will be presented for viewing during the meeting. No formal presentation will be made, but IDOT staff and consultants will be available to answer questions and receive comments from those in attendance.

This bridge, which is more than 90 years old and carries 7,000 vehicles per day on eastbound U.S. 24, originally carried traffic in both directions between Illinois and Missouri until the Bayview Bridge was opened in 1987, with westbound traffic moving to the new bridge. The last major rehabilitation of the bridge occurred in 2021.

Planning for a replacement started in 2014 but did not advance due to lack of funding. Passage of the Gov. JB Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois capital plan helped to identify \$150 million for the construction of this project. It is anticipated that the Missouri Department of Transportation will

reimburse IDOT half the construction cost of the new bridge. Construction could begin as early as 2029.

For more information, please visit the project webpage at <u>Adams County - Quincy Memorial Bridge (illinois.gov)</u>. Comments may be submitted at the meeting or mailed to:

Illinois Department of Transportation, District 6
126 E. Ash St.
Springfield, IL 62704
Attn: Jay Wavering, P.E.

Comments received by Jan. 9, 2024, will be included in the official project record.

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